

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
TO DA WASHDC//DAMO/SSA  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1192

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, PFOR, SU, US  
SUBJECT: FY77 CGSC - SUDAN

REF: A. KHARTOUM 0637 240809Z FEB 77 (NOTAL)  
B. DIA 310720Z MAR 77 (NOTAL)

1. HOPEFULLY MINOR PROBLEM HAS ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH  
SUDANESE OFFICERS SLATED ATTEND CGSC COURSE BEGINNING THIS  
SUMMER. BOTH OFFICERS COMPLETED DLI ENGLISH PROFICIENCY  
EXAM CL FORM 76I APRIL 5, BUT RESULTS SHOWED ENGLISH  
COMPREHENSION LEVELS, RESPECTIVELY, OF ECL 73 AND ECL 71,  
WHEREAS ECL OF 80 NORMALLY REQUIRED.

2. EMBASSY URGES SPECIAL EXCEPTION BE MADE TO ALLOW  
SUDANESE OFFICERS ATTEND FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:  
(A) ALTHOUGH OFFICERS DID NOT ACHIEVE ECL 80, THEY DID  
EXHIBIT COMPETENT COMMAND ENGLISH LANGUAGE. CONVERSATIONS  
WITH THEM REVEAL BASIC FLUENCY AND WE FRANKLY SURPRISED  
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TEST SCORES NOT HIGHER. ALSO, THERE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR  
THEM MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT ASSURE THEIR ENGLISH COMPREHENSION/  
SPEAKING ABILITY IMPROVED BY TIME CGSC COURSE BEGINS:

(B) GOS SCREENED AND TESTED SEVERAL CANDIDATES AND  
CAREFULLY SELECTED TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO TOOK ENGLISH TEST,  
AND NOT CLEAR WHETHER ANY OTHER NOMINEES COULD DO BETTER.

BOTH ARE LT/COLONELS. SALAH MUSTAFA AHMAD (ECL 73) IS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AND ELFADIL SULIMAN MOHAMAD (ECL 71) IS IN ROCKET BRIGADE (SA-2). THUS BOTH ARE LIKELY BECOME SENIOR OFFICERS IN PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE AREAS OF SUDAN ARMY. CONSIDERING OVERALL OBJECTIVES BEHIND OUR INVITING SUDANESE TO SEND OFFICERS TO CGSC, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT ALLOW AHMAD AND MOHAMAD ATTEND.

(C) BELIEVE ADDRESSEES SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER SPECIAL IMPORTANCE GOS ATTACHES TO CGSC. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI IS GRADUATE OF SCHOOL, AND MADE PARTICULAR POINT VISITING FT. LEAVENWORTH DURING HIS US TRIP LAST JUNE. HE INVITED THEN COMMANDANT GEN. HARRISON TO VISIT SUDAN, WHICH HE NOW DOING. EVER SINCE WE BEGAN DISCUSSING MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM, GOS HAS EMPHASIZED SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THEM OF HAVING SUDANESE OFFICERS ATTEND CGSC. WE BELIEVE THIS REINFORCES POINT IN PARA 2-B THAT IN SELECTING AHMAD AND MOHAMAD, GOS EFFECTIVELY EARMARKING THEM FOR ADVANCEMENT TO HIGHEST LEVELS SUDAN ARMY.

3. IN LIGHT ABOVE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS WAIVER ECL 80 REQUIREMENT BE MADE IN PRESENT CASES. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST SO WE CAN PROCEED WITH MAKING ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING RESPONSE TO REF B. BREWER

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